

Selective Sovereignty

FEDERALLY-UNRECOGNIZED INDIAN NATIONS, BANDS, AND TRIBES OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Throughout the history of the United States, indigenous people have fought for federal recognition of their own sovereignty, often leading to aggressive responses from the federal government. Most Tribes that seek recognition fight legal battles for decades¹ before gaining federal recognition. Furthermore, recognized tribes frequently lobby against unrecognized tribes and some consider those tribes to be fraudulent.

What is recognition?

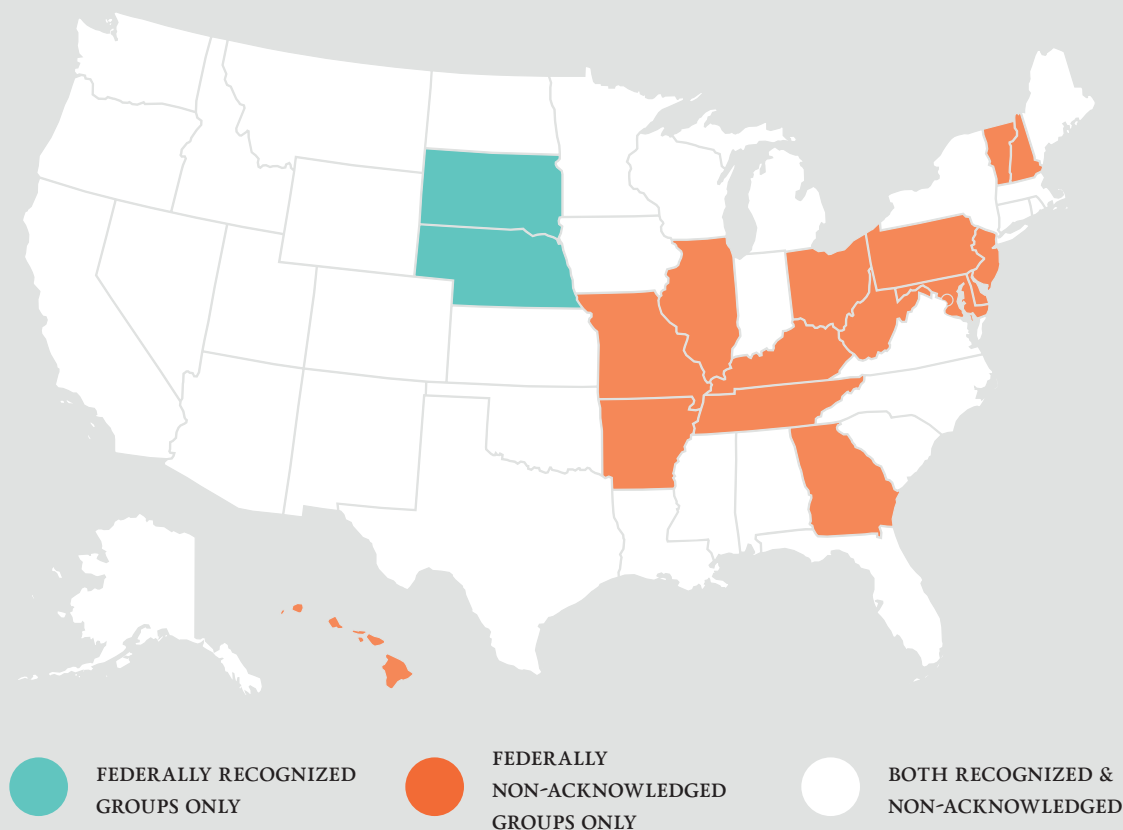
A federally recognized Tribe is an American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe that the United States government recognizes as having a government-to-government relationship with it¹ and are seen as sovereign nations by the federal government. Recognition also means the Tribe is entitled to certain land and water rights, as well as funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Who is recognized and who isn't?

There are about **4,120,000** Native Americans living in the U.S. today.

567
Federally-Recognized Tribes, Bands, and Nations¹

460
Non-Acknowledged Tribes, Bands, and Nations²



36
States

47
States

Unrecognized Tribes of the U.S. Pacific Coast⁴

The years appearing after several names indicate the year that Tribe initiated the process of gaining federal recognition by submitting a Letter of Intent to Petition to the government, or the year the government's Receipt of Petition in reply. Additional years indicate the year the Office of Federal Acknowledgment issued a Proposed Finding or Final Decision of "Decline to Acknowledge" to the Tribe. The latter group is presented in boldface type with the Federal Register citation of that decision, and typically this date is multiple decades.

State	Tribe Name	Year
WASHINGTON	01. Anishnam Blue Clan	
	02. Duwamish Indian Tribe, 1977/2002 (66 FR 49966)	
	03. Frece Cherokees, Four Directions Council	
	04. Kikiallus Indian Nation	
	05. Marietta Band of Nooksacks	
	06. Mitchell Bay Band of the San Juan Islands	
	07. Nootka-Wha-Ha Band	
	08. Snohomish Tribe of Indians, 1975/2004 (68 FR 48942)	
	09. Snoqualmie Tribe of Whidbey Island, 1988	
	10. Steilacoom Tribe, 1974/2008 (73 FR 14853)	
OREGON	01. Celilo-Wyam Indian Community	
	02. The Cherokee Delaware Tribe of the Northwest	
	03. Chetco Tribe	
	04. Chinook Indian Tribe of Oregon & Washington, Inc. 1979/2003 (67 FR 46204)	
	05. Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes	
	06. Confederated Tribes: Rogue, Table Rock & Associated Tribes, 1997	
	07. Northwest Cherokee Deer Clan	
	08. Northwest Cherokee Wolf and Paint Clan	
	09. Northwest Cherokee Wolf Band of the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy, 1978/1985 (50 FR 39047)	
	10. Tchinook Indians, 1979/1986 (51 FR 2437)	
11. Tolowa-Tututni Tribe		
CALIFORNIA	01. Alexander Valley Mishewal Wappo	
	02. Amah Mutsun Band of Ohlone/ Costanoan Indians, 1990	
	03. Antelope Valley Paiute Tribe, 1976	
	04. Atahun Shoshones of San Juan Capistrano	
	05. Barbareno-Chumash Council of Mission Indians, 2002	
	06. Big Meadows Lodge Tribe	
	07. Calaveras County Band of Miwok Indians, 2001	
	08. Callatappa Choctaw Tribe, 2004	
	09. Chihula Tribe	
	10. The Chiricahua Tribe of California, 2003	
11. Choctaw Allen Tribe, 2003		
12. Choinummi Council, 1988		
13. Chukchansi Yokotch Tribe of Mariposa California, 1993		
14. Chumash Council of Bakersfield, 2005		
15. Coastal Band of Chumash, 1982		
16. Coastal Gabrieleno Diegueno Band of Mission Indians, 1997		
17. Costanoan Band of Carmel Mission Indians, 1988		
18. Colfax-Todd's Valley Consolidated Tribe of the Colfax Rancheria, 1999		
19. Confederation of Aboriginal Nations		
20. Confederated Tribes: Rogue, Table Rock & Associated Tribes, 1997		
21. Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe, 1994		
22. Costanoan Tribe of Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista Missions, 1999		
23. Costanoan Ohlone Rumsen-Mutsen Tribe, 1994		
24. Digueno Band of San Diego Mission Indians, 2003		
25. The Displaced Elem Lineage Emancipated Members, 1998		
26. Duma-Wo-Wai Tribal Government, 2002		
27. Dunlap Band of Mono Indians, 1984 & 2005		
28. Eshon Valley Band of Michahai and Wuksachi, 2005		
29. Eselen/Coastanoan Tribe of Monterey County, 1992		
30. Fernandeno/Tataviam Tribe, 1995		
31. Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians of California, 1998		
32. Honey Lake Maidu, 2000		
33. Hownquet Community Association		
34. Indian Canyon Band of Coastanoan/Mutsun Indians, 1989		
35. Independence 14 (Miranda Allotment)		
36. Indian Cultural Organization Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Achechemen Nation (II), 1996/2007 (72 FR 67951)		
37. Kawaiisu Tribe of the Tejon Indian Reservation		
38. Kern Valley Indian Community, 1979		
39. Konkow Valley Band of Maidu, 1998		
40. Maidu Nation, 1977		
41. Melochundum Band of Tolowa Indians		
42. Mishkanaka (Chumash) Miwok Tribe		
43. Mono Lake Indian Community, 1976		
44. Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, 1989/2002 (67 FR 58631)		
45. Nashville Eldorado Miwok Tribe, 2004		
46. Nor-Rel-Muk Nation, 1984		
47. North Fork Band of Mono Indians, 1981		
48. Northern Maidu Maidu Tribe		
49. Northfork Band of Mono Indians		
50. Ohlone/Costanoan - Eselen Nation, 1992		
51. Paskenta Band of Momiaki Indians		
52. Rancho San Timoteo Band of Serrano Indians		
53. San Cayetano Band of Cahuilla Indians/Montoya Band of Cahuilla Indians		
54. Salinan Chumash Nation, 1989		
55. Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties, 1993		
56. San Fernando Band of Mission Indians, 1995		
57. San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, 1984		
58. Shasta Nation, 1982		
59. She-Bel-Na Band of Mendocino Coast Pomo Indians, 2006		
60. Sierra Foothill Wukachii Yokuts Tribe, 1994		
61. Southern Sierra Miwok Nation, 1982		
62. Tehatchapi Tribe of the Tejon Reservation		
63. Tinoqui-Chalala Council of Kitaneum and Yowlumne Tejon Indians, 1996		
64. Tolowa Nation, 1983		
65. Tolowa-Tututni Tribe		
66. Toulumne Algerine Band of Yokuts, 2006		
67. Tuolumne Band of Cherokee Indians		
68. Traditional Choinummi Tribe, 2000		
69. T'Si-akim Maidu, 1998		
70. Tsumungwe Council, 1992		
71. United Hourma Nation, Inc. 1994		
72. United Maidu Nation, 1977		
73. Wadatkut Band of the Mono Indians, 1981		
74. Honey Lake Valley, 1995		
75. Washoe/Paiute of Antelope Valley, 1976		
76. Winnemem Wintu Tribe		
77. Wintoon Indians, 1984		
78. The Wintoon Tribe of Northern California, Inc. 2005		
79. Wintu Indians of Central Valley, California, 1984		
80. Wintu of Shasta-Toyon		
81. Wintu Tribe of Northern California, 1993		
82. Woodfords Community Council		
83. Wukuchummi Council, 1988		
84. Xolon Salinan Tribe, 2001		
85. Yamasee Native American Association of Nations		
86. Yokayo Tribe of Indians, 1987		
87. Yosemite Mono Lake Paiute Indian Community, 2005		

Sources & Notes

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- This is a work in progress. As such, many tribes listed here are not yet placed on the map. Groups without range or location information are not listed.
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